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TO: All Interested Parties

TOPIC: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION GOVERNING THE STATEWIDE PORTABLE EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss and provide input on proposed amendments to the Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Regulation (PERP Regulation). The public workshop will be held in two locations at the time and locations shown below:

Sacramento

DATE: Thursday, March 30, 2006

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 I Street, Sierra Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95812

Southern California

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2006

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive, Room GB
Diamond Bar, California 91765

ARB is authorized by California Health and Safety Code sections 41750 through 41755 to adopt a regulation to establish a uniform statewide program for the registration and regulation of portable engines and portable engine-driven equipment units. In developing these regulations, ARB is required to evaluate emissions, identify emission control technologies, hold public hearings, establish emission limits and control requirements, and develop a fee schedule to cover the costs to adopt and

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administer the program, including the cost of the air pollution control districts' enforcement.

The Board approved amendments to the PERP Regulation at a public meeting on February 26, 2004. At that meeting, the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) raised a number of concerns and the Board directed staff to work with CAPCOA and affected industries to resolve these issues. ARB in consultation with CAPCOA and affected industries has developed suggested amendments to the PERP Regulation. The suggested amendments include recommendations for district inspection fees, notification requirements, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Staff is proposing to present to the Board in June 2006 the proposed amendments to the PERP Regulation. At the workshop, staff will discuss the proposed amendments and the draft staff proposal. The draft staff proposal is available to download at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perpact/draft/draft.pdf>.

As a result of ARB's continuing effort to increase accessibility and public participation, the public workshop to be held in Sacramento on March 30, 2006 will also be broadcast on the Internet. By accessing the program website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable-engines>, interested parties will be able to monitor the meetings and submit comments or questions via e-mail.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

If you have questions about the public workshop or future activities related to the proposed amendments to the PERP Regulation, please contact Ms. Merrin Bueto at (916) 327-5598 or via e-mail at mbueto@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Attachment

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